सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) निम्नलिखित राज्यों की राजधानियां दिल्ली के साथ सीधे हवाई सेवा से जुड़ी हुई नहीं है ।

राज्य का नाम	राजधानी
आसाम	*दिसपुर
गुजरात	*गांधीनगर
मणिपुर	इम्फाल
मेघालय	शिलांग
नागालैंड	कोहिमा
सिक्किम	गंगतोक
त्रिपुरा	अगरतल्ला
अरुणाचल प्रदेश	इटानगर
मिजोरम	एजवाल

*इंडियन एयरलाइंस द्वारा सेवित नजदीकी स्टेशन दिसपुर के मामले में गुवाहाटी और गांधीनगर के मामले में यह अहमदाबाद है ।

(ख) इस समय गंगतोक, इटानगर और कोहिमा में कोई विमान क्षेत्र नहीं है । तथापि, गंगतोक को नजदीकी स्थान बागडोगरा इटानगर को उत्तरी लखीमपुर (लीलाबाड़ी) से और कोहिमा को दीमापुर से सेवित किया जाता है । अगरतल्ला और दिल्ली के बीच यात्री मार्ग दिल्ली से सीधी सेवा के लिये पर्याप्त नहीं है । शिलांग विमान पट्टी केवल एफ27/एवरो प्रकार के विमानों के परिचालन के लिये पर्याप्त है जो कम दूरी की यात्रा के विमान है । एजवाल का हवाई-क्षेत्र केवल डोनियर प्रकार के विमानों के परिचालन के लिये उपयुक्त है जो कम दूरी की यात्रा के विमान हैं । इम्फाल को दिल्ली से एक दैनिक ए–320 विमान से जोड़ा गया था परन्तु ए–320 परिचालनों को स्थगित कर दिये जाने के कारण इस समय कोई सीधी सेवा नहीं है ।

(ग) दिल्ली और सभी राज्यों की राजधानियों के बीच विमान सेवाओं का चलाया जाना एयरलाइंस के पास विमानों की उपलब्धता; एयरलाइंस के बेड़े के विमानों द्वारा परिचालन के लिये हवाई अड्डों की उपयुक्तता ; दो स्थानों के बीच पर्याप्त यातायात घनत्व और अन्य आधार संरचनात्मक सुविधाओं की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा । इसलिये, इस संबंध में कोई समय-सीमा नहीं बताई जा सकती ।

Introduction of Acupuncture treatment in Hospitals in Metropolitan Cities

1276. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in various countries like China, Japan, USSR and USA the acupuncture treatment has become a part of the overall medical treatement;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to introduce acupuncture treatment in Government hospitals in metropolitan cities along with physiotherapy treatment; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take the assistance of the Governments of China and Japan to train our acupuncturists to run acupuncture centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Acupuncture treatment is already available in metropolitan cities such as in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh and Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research Pondicherry. The trained personnel

including anaesthesiologists are using acupuncture for pre and post-operative analgesia, chronic pain and allergies.

(c) As the Acupuncture training is already available in the country, there is no proposal under consideration to take the assistance of the Governments of China and Japan to train our acupuncturists.

Theft in the prohibited area of Calcutta Airport

1277. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircraft parts and other equipment worth lakhs of rupees have been stolen from the hangers of Indian Airlines in the prohibited area of Calcutta airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of aircraft which have been grounded or are likely to be rendered unserviceable because of such theft of spare parts;

(d) whether any investigations have been made into the thefts;

(e) if so, the details of the outcome there af; and

(f) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY |AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) 42 panels of Boeing-737 aircraft were found missing on the 27th of April, 1990 from the Indian Airlines Maintenance area at Calcutta airport. These panels were parts of wing leading edge, trailing edge flaps and engine and pylon area.

(c) No aircraft was grounded or is likely to be unserviceable because of the theft of these aircraft parts.

(d) to (f) A case has been registered with the West Bengal Police on the 27th of April, 1990. Results of the investigations are still awaited. Indian Airlines security has intensified patrolling around the maintenance hangar. Besides, International Airports Authority (IAAI) has been approached from time to time by the Indian Airlines to clear the wild vegetaion around the maintenance hangars and provide adequate lights.

Performance of ECL and BCCL

1278. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that despite seven million tonnes increase in coal production during 1989-90 the performance of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. have been dismal;

(b) if so, what was the over all production of these subsidiaries during the periods 1988-89 and 1989-90 and what is their respective share in the total output of coal during these two years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that despite an increase of seven million tonnes in the overall coal production of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) during 1989-99, the performance of one of its subsidiaries viz. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), which fell short of its production target of 30.90 million tonnes by 6.44 million tonnes, has been dismal and the pertormance of one of its other subsidiaries viz. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), which fell short of its production target of 27.50 million tonnes by 0.88 million tonnes, has been unsatasfictory.